

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07K16/28 G01N33/74 G01N33/53

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WU ZIDA ET AL: "Quantification of the soluble leptin receptor in human blood by ligand-mediated immunofunctional assay" JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM, vol. 87, no. 6, June 2002 (2002-06), pages 2931-2939, XP002323286 ISSN: 0021-972X abstract page 2932, right-hand column, paragraph 2 - page 2933, right-hand column, last paragraph figure 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- -/-</p>	1-21, 33-35, 40-42

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X	<p>MAINGRETTE FRITZ ET AL: "Leptin increases lipoprotein lipase secretion by macrophages: Involvement of oxidative stress and protein kinase C." DIABETES, vol. 52, no. 8, August 2003 (2003-08), pages 2121-2128, XP002323287 ISSN: 0012-1797 abstract page 2121, right-hand column, last paragraph - page 2122, left-hand column, paragraph 1 page 2123, right-hand column, paragraph 3 figure 3</p>	1-21, 33-35, 40-42
X	<p>CORSONELLO A ET AL: "Leptin-dependent platelet aggregation in healthy, overweight and obese subjects." INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF OBESITY, vol. 27, no. 5, May 2003 (2003-05), pages 566-573, XP002323288 ISSN: 0307-0565 abstract page 567, right-hand column, paragraph 5 page 569, left-hand column, paragraph 2 figure 4</p>	1-21, 33-35, 40-42
X	<p>IVERSEN PER OLE ET AL: "Prevention of leptin binding to its receptor suppresses rat leukemic cell growth by inhibiting angiogenesis." BLOOD, vol. 100, no. 12, 1 December 2002 (2002-12-01), pages 4123-4128, XP002323289 ISSN: 0006-4971 abstract page 4124, left-hand column, paragraph 3 figure 2</p>	1-21, 33-35, 40-42
X	<p>WO 99/59614 A (YALE UNIVERSITY; SIERRA-HONIGMANN, ROCIO, M) 25 November 1999 (1999-11-25) page 24, line 12 - line 18 example 1</p>	1-21, 33-35, 40-42
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 42
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim 42 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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